STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Marine Lance Corporal Robert S. Greniger, twenty-one years of age, was a resident of Greenfield, Minnesota, and a 2009 graduate of Rockford Area High School; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Robert S. Greniger enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in November, 2009 and became a combat engineer assigned to the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and was deployed to Afghanistan on March 20, 2011; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Robert S. Greniger was a proud Marine who had always dreamed of serving his country. Robert enjoyed music, snowboarding, baseball, and being around his friends and family, and was a great mentor to his three younger siblings; and

WHEREAS: Lance Corporal Robert S. Greniger gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and died a hero on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan during combat operations; and

WHEREAS: A celebration of Robert's life will be held Friday, July 22, 2011, in Rockford, Minnesota followed by interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Lance Corporal Robert S. Greniger for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of Minnesota and the United States of America with its deepest gratitude, and all thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Friday, July 22, 2011, in honor and remembrance of Lance Corporal Robert S. Greniger.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 21st day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the State the one hundred fifty-third.

Mark Dayton

GOVERNOR

Mark Ritchie

SECRETARY OF STATE